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Microsoft has contributed significantly to the increase in productivity enjoyed the world over. That said the only way Microsoft can continue to grow is through planned operating system obsilecence and the canibalization of niche software applications.

Microsoft is doing both. It's time to extract the operating system/business from Microsoft and force it to stand on its own. Publish the source code of all Windows X O/S's. Therefore providing open competition and equal access to the latest planned feature enhancements of Windows X O/S.

Forcing Microsoft to donate \$1B worth of WinTel product only further cements Microsofts' grip on the US economy and the minds of our children. If you plan to penalize Microsoft financially - get cash from Microsoft with no strings attached. Invest the money in business development within the affected states.

However, if the states are not willing to force the separation of Microsofts' O/S and application business. It's obvious that they are just in it for a quick revenue hit. Just like the smoking settlement. What ever the outcome, the buyer of Microsoft products is sure to eat the cost of litigation and settlement.

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